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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, PINS, PO, MZ
SUBJ: FOP FRELIMO NEGOTIATIONS

SUMMARY: FOREIGN MINISTER SOARES TODAY GAVE CHARGE
FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION OF PRESENT STATE OF NEGOTIATIONS
WITH FRELIMO, WHICH, IF ACCEPTED BY PRESIDENT SPINOLA,
WOULD LEAD TO TRANSFER OF POWER TO FRELIMO AND INDEPENDENCE
IN ONE YEAR. END SUMMARY.

1. PROPOSAL BROUGHT BACK FROM DAR ES SALAAM BY SOARES, ALMEIDA
SANTOS, AND MELO ANTUNES WAS FOR FORMATION OF PROVISIONAL
GOVERNMENT WITH SUBSTANTIAL FRELIMO PARTICIPATION. FRELIMO IS
SEEKING MAJORITY, ALTHOUGH SOARES FEELS THEY NOT INFLEXIBLE ON
THIS POINT. PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT WOULD STAY IN PLACE FOR
ONE YEAR AFTER WHICH POWER WOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO FRELIMO.
FRELIMO IS ADAMANT IN INSISTING THAT ELECTIONS SHOULD FOLLOW NOT
PRECEDE GRANT OF INDEPDENCE. DURING THE ONE YEAR TENURE OF
THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT, A HIGH PORTUGUESE OFFICIAL WOULD
PRESIDE OVER GOVERNMENT AS GOVERNOR-GENERAL. SOARES INDICATED THAT
THIS HIGH OFFICIAL MIGHT BE MELO ANTUNES BUT THIS NOT YET CERTAIN.
FOREGOING PROPOSALS ARE NOW BEFORE PRESIDENT SPINOLA BUT SOARES
AND OTHER MEMBERS OF DELEGATION HAVE NOT YET MET WITH SPINOLA
TO LEARN HIS REACTION.

2. SOARES INDICATED THAT SPINOLA STILL SEEMED TO HAVE FIXATION
FOR REFERENDUMS IN MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA. SOARES ASKED
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RHETORICALLY WHERE IN AFRICA HAS THERE EVER BEEN A FREE
ELECTION. HE SAID THAT HE FELT THAT TRANSFER OF POWER TO FRELIMO
WAS ONLY WAY OUT FOR PORTUGAL. WHETHER OR NOT THEY WERE
TRULY REPRESENTATIVE OF MAJORITY IN MOZAMBIQUE WAS IMMATERIAL.
EITHER POWER IS TRANSFERRED TO FRELIMO OR THE WAR GOES ON, BUT
IT WILL BE A WAR IN WHICH THE PORTUGUESE TROOPS WILL REFUSE TO
FIGHT AND THE END RESULT WILL BE AN INDEPENDENT MOZAMBIQUE
GOVERNED BY A FRELIMO HOSTILE TO PORTUGAL. WITH AN ORDERLY

TRANSFER OF POWER BY PORTUGAL TO FRELIMO, PORTUGAL WILL BE IN A POSITION TO EXERT INFLUENCE ON THE NEW MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT. SOARES SAID HE WAS CONVINCED FROM HIS TALKS WITH SAMORA MACHEL THAT HE HAS NO INTENTION OF PERMITTING A FRELIMO-RUN MOZAMBIQUE TO FALL UNDER THE DOMINATION OF THE CHINESE OR THE RUSSIANS. SOARES FOUND MACHEL ENTIRELY REASONABLE AND REALISTIC WITH REGARD TO MOZAMBIQUE'S FUTURE RELATIONSHIP WITH SOUTH AFRICAN AND THAT THIS WAS ONE OF THE EXTERNAL FACTORS WHICH LED SOARES TO CREDIT MACHEL'S PROTESTATIONS OF NOT FALLING UNDER SOVIET OR CHINESE DOMINATION. SOARES THEREFORE BELIEVES THAT IF PORTUGAL SEIZES UPON THE PRESENT MOMENT TO ACCEPT FRELIMO'S SCENARIO LEADING TO INDEPENDENCE, THEN THE MOZAMBIQUE OF THE FUTURE WILL BE NEUTRAL WITH REGARD TO THE WORLD POWER BALANCE, WILL RETAIN LINGUISTIC, CULTURAL, AND ECONOMIC TIES WITH PORTUGAL, AND WILL WELCOME THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF WHITE PORTUGUESE.

3. SOARES GAVE NO DATE OR PLACE FOR RESUMPTION OF TALKS WITH FRELIMO, BUT DID INDICATE ON A STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL BASIS THAT HE WOULD BE GOING ON AUGUST 22 PROBABLY TO ALGIERS FOR FURTHER TALKS WITH THE PAIGC.
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